

The Brixton Orphanage for Fatherless Girls

1876 – 1936



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The **'Brixton Orphanage for Fatherless Girls'** was founded by Mrs Ann Eliza Montague and officially opened on May 2nd 1876.

Originally the school occupied 55 & 57 Barrington Road, Brixton and sometime between the 1881 census, showing 3 resident staff & 91 pupils and the 1891 census they obtained No. 53 Barrington Road which enabled them to increase the resident staff to 9 and the number of pupils to 250.

I believe that Annie Montague and further supporters of the home were either of the Methodist or Baptist Faith and even possibly a combination of both. Whichever, the home was certainly run purely on charity, a strong faith that 'God Will Provide' and a total devotion by both its sponsors and staff.

Girls were only accepted into the Orphanage after strict vetting with regard the type of home they were coming from. A copy of the parent's marriage certificate had to be produced and two references supplied by i.e. local Vicar, Doctor, Business man etc., and of course a deceased father.

I think possibly the following extract taken from the Twenty Seventh Annual Report of 1902 gives a good insight into the standards and morals of the school.

BRIXTON ORPHANAGE

for

FATHERLESS GIRLS.

FOUNDED APRIL 1876.

OBJECTS AND REGULATIONS

The Objects of this Institution are

- 1.—**To receive, maintain, clothe, and educate**, gratuitously, **Female Orphan Children**, who, by the loss of both parents or of the father only, have been left without any means of support.
- 2.—**To instruct** them in all Household Duties, and train them as **Domestic Servants**.
- 3.—**To obtain Situations** for them on attaining the age of sixteen to seventeen years, and to provide each child, on leaving the Home for Service, with a suitable outfit..
- 4.—**To receive back, temporarily**, into the home those Orphans whose conduct, while in Service, has been good, in the event of their being out of a situation.
- 5.—**Children are eligible for admission** into the Home between the ages of seven and twelve years, irrespective of sect or nationality, and **without any payment whatever**.
- 6.—**The circumstances of all candidates for admission** are thoroughly examined by the Committee for the Investigation of Cases, and priority of admission is always given to **the most deserving and necessitous**, altogether avoiding the tedious and expensive process of canvassing for Votes and of election by subscribers.
- 7.—**The Education of** the children is sound and plain, consisting chiefly of Reading, Writing, Grammar, Arithmetic to the 5th Standard, and plain Needlework.
- 8.—**The Children are also daily instructed in the Holy Scriptures**, and attend Public worship at least once every Sabbath day; and the utmost care is taken **to train them in the fear of the Lord**.
- 9.—**The General Management** and Administration of the internal affairs of the Home are under the direction of Miss Bird, aided by the Ladies' Committee.
- 10.—**The utmost economy** that is consistent with the health and happiness of the Children **is practised**. **The Officers are nearly all Honorary**, the Staff only (Vice-Superintendent, Matrons, Teachers, &c.) receiving salaries. **The Orphans therefore derive full benefit from all gifts**.
- 11.—**The entire Household work of the Home is done by the elder Girls**, who are taught habits of order, cleanliness, and early rising, to make them good, useful, and industrious Servants.
- 12.—**The Annual Meeting** of the Subscriber and Friends of the Charity is usually held in the month of March in every year, when a **Report** of the Domestic and

Financial state of the Institution, with its work and progress, is submitted to the Meeting. **A Copy of such Report** is afterwards forwarded to **every Contributor**

13.—The Institution is not endowed (except to the extent of £126 per annum); but is maintained by **voluntary contributions**. The buildings are **vested** in the Trustees, and the Trust Deed of Settlement has been enrolled in the High Court of Chancery, pursuant to Act of Parliament.

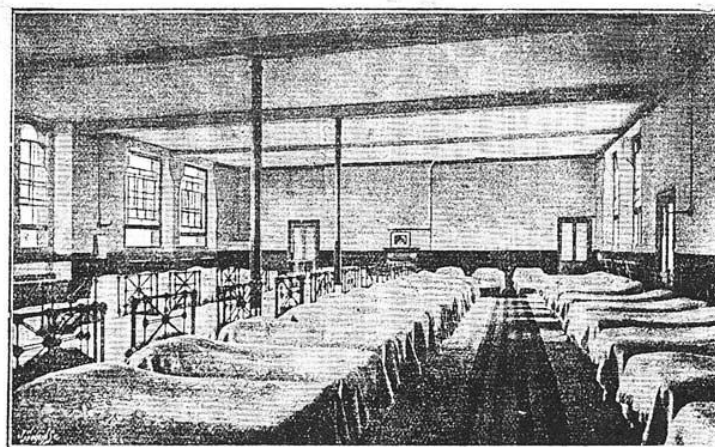
The Orphanage is open daily 11 to 5 o'clock, for inspection of Visitors (Saturdays excepted). Friends interested in the welfare of Orphans are invited to

Come and see the Children.

The school continued using the above criteria until 1936 when it was forced to close due to lack of sponsorship and therefore funds. The remaining children were transferred to Spurgeons Orphanage in Stockwell Road, London. Unfortunately there are no records of the girls who were sent there.



REAR WING OF THE ORPHANAGE.



PART OF THE LARGE DORMITORY.

Annie Eliza Montague

1839 - 1903

Mrs Annie Montague the founder of the Brixton Orphanage was born Ann Eliza Lawson on 16th August 1839 at Southwark and was the eldest daughter of William Lawson, a Hat Manufacturer and Ann Eliza Lawson (nee Chapman)



She married Thomas Howard Montague at Lambeth on the 18 August 1857 and although they had no children of their own they did adopt the son of Ann's sister Fanny Kemp Fox (nee Lawson) on her death in 1869 the same year Ernest Fox was born. He contracted TB and was sent to Annie's younger brother in Australia in the hope it might cure him but sadly he died in the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, Australia on 28 December 1888 from Phthisis (TB) at the age of 19 years.

She was obviously a remarkable lady and I think it may be easier to let those who knew her speak, the following extract is taken from the preface of a book entitled Songs from the Heart written by Annie and published after her death in February 1903 both in her memory and of course to help raise funds for the orphanage.

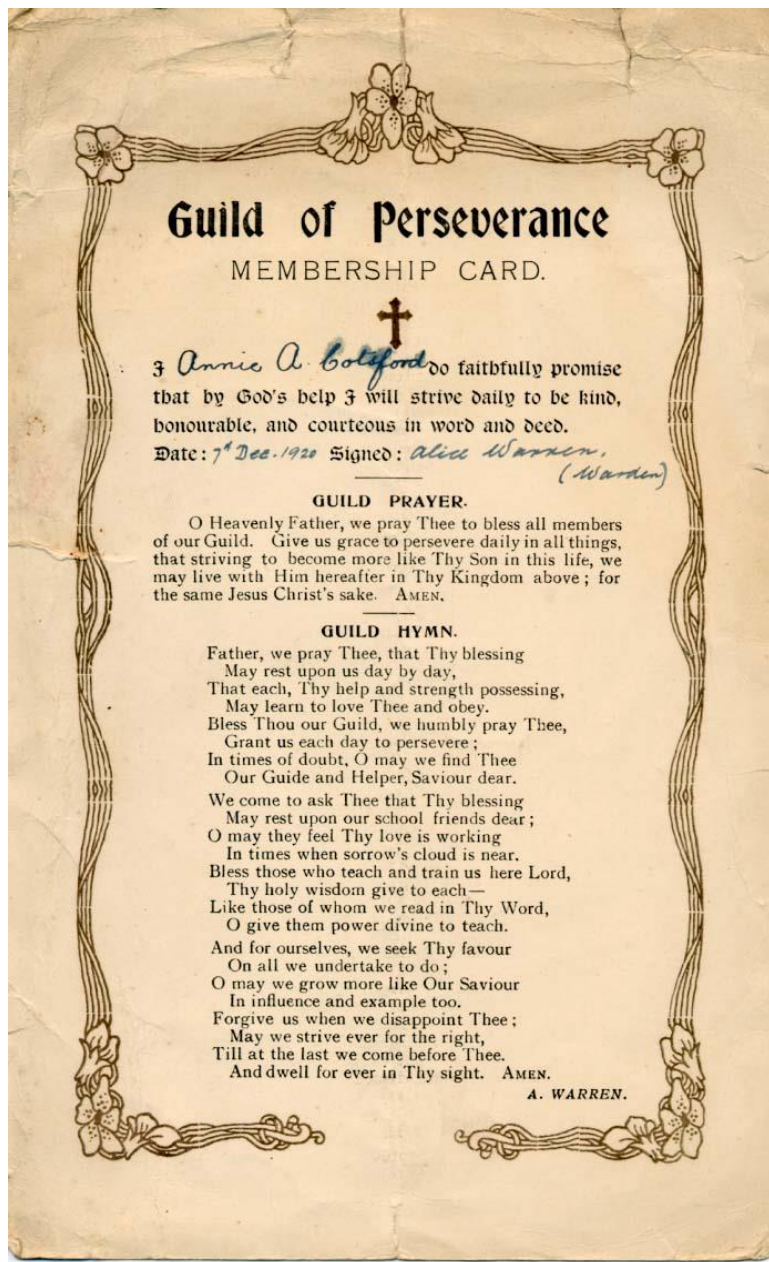
Mrs Annie Montague was called to her long rest on February 4th 1903. From the time when Mrs Montague in a simple and unostentatious way founded the great and good work known as the Brixton Orphanage for Fatherless Girls, she never failed in her labour of love, until illness compelled her to relinquish her trust - having put her hand to the plough, she never looked back. Although, early in the history of the Institution the property was vested in a Board of Trustees yet whilst Mrs Montague had health and strength - for more than a quarter of a century - she never laid aside the burden of care and responsibility for her large family, and counted it her peculiar privilege and duty to personally guide and govern the arrangements and administration of the Orphanage. This she did with all the energy, wisdom, tact, and judgment which she possessed to an extraordinary degree.

Mrs Montague never disguised the fact that even more than the relief of the temporal necessities of the orphans, she sought their spiritual welfare. By prayer, and by personal influence and teaching, she strove to lead the children into the Kingdom of Christ, and knew no greater joy than to find that these efforts were owned of God. Mrs Montague excelled in one of the loveliest of Christian graces - the grace of gratitude. The most trivial service rendered to her orphans always met with the warmest thanks and appreciation, not superficial, but transparently sincere and genuine. This grace of gratitude, which is by no means common to humanity was one of the most delightful and refreshing features of Mrs Montague's disposition, and she was so completely identified with the work to which she had given her life, that, any gift or service rendered to the Institution she instinctively regarded as a personal favour.

The Guild of Perseverance

The Guild of Perseverance was founded by Miss Ladden in December 1914 with the object of “*binding together all the elder girls to work for all that was highest and best*” its rules being:-

- 1/ To persevere in all things
- 2/ Never to be dishonourable
- 3/ Never to miss an opportunity of doing a good turn
- 4/ Never to set a bad example to one younger



The idea of the Guild Paper was introduced by Miss Alice Warren the Governess at the time, and the first issue was sent out in January 1919. Although it started out as a monthly journal it soon became apparent that the cost was prohibitive and after twelve months it became a quarterly journal and continued so until 1935/6 when the school closed.

It is from these journals that I have created a database of ex pupils, some of which were at the school in Mrs. Montague's time and who kept in touch with the school through the paper, pupils who were at the school during the period of the journals and also the several hundred supporters who contributed their money, time and energy into making sure the children had the very best start in life they could possibly give them. This was also a good way of encouraging ex pupils to help raise funds by saving farthings and making or sending items for the sales stalls they had on open days.

These journals give a very good insight as to how the orphanage was run and how the staff always tried to make sure the children had something to look forward to by organizing trips out, tea parties, and the highlight of the year being the choosing of the May Queen.



The May Queen 1929 + 4 previous Queens & Alice Warren (seated)

Freda McKnight made a charming little queen, and the presence of Maud Rodgers, Emmie Tomalin and Dolly Durnford, three former queens, added greatly to the joy and beauty of the ceremony.

I have a small snapshot of the five queens, and I shall be pleased to send a copy to anybody who would like one. They cost about three-pence each.

Due to several factors i.e. scrawled handwriting, print errors, a great confusion over 'school names' which each girl was given on her arrival at the school, and due to lack of space and just the initial being used, it has in some cases been difficult to establish the correct version of the Christian name so please allow for errors.

The staff and sponsors are listed separately.

The original journals are now held at the Lambeth Archives <https://beta.lambeth.gov.uk/libraries-archives/lambeth-archives> and are well worth reading through if you have an interest in the orphanage.

SURNAMF	SCHOOL NAME	OWN NAME
Abbott	Ellen	L
Ackerman	Eddie/Edie	
Adams	Mary	Lilian
Adams	Norma	N
Adams	Zena/Lena	S
Allen	Belle	Hilda
Ambrose	Charity	Flossie
Ambrose	Lassie	Mrs
Archer	Winnie	Ivy
Arnold	F	F
Arnold	Gwen	L
Arnold	Helena	Nellie
Arnold	Marjorie	
Arnold	Olive	O
Arthur	Katie	W
Arthur	Zilla	
Arthur		Dorothy
Attridge	Audrey	
Attridge	Cissie	
Attridge	Daisy	Daisy
Attridge	Doris	Doris
Babler/Blaber	Emmie	E
Bailey	Hilda	
Bantoft		Cissie
Bantoft		Daisy
Barnes	Mab	E
Barrel	Beatie	N
Barrett	Cora	M
Barter	Flo	Blanche
Bass	Betty	Liela
Bassett	Margaret	Margaret
Bates	Chrissie	Winnie
Bates	Nannie	Hilda
Bates	Nannie	Winnie
Battle		Rosemary
Bennett	Kitty	Hilda
Berner	Rosena	Katherine(Kitty)
Berner	Thurza	Lilian
Berry	Thelma	Mollie
Bevan(Mrs Wigmore)		Monica
Binks		
Bird		Ethel W
Bloss/Mrs Walter Dawes	Treffie	Minnie/Miriam
Boggis	Jessie	Mrs Shewry
Boniface	Gerty	
Boniface	Maggie	
Borril/Barrel	Beatie	Maud
Borrill	Stella	E/M
Borrill		Nellie
Boutle	Donald	
Boys	Flora	
Boys	Ivy	I/E
Boys	Nancy	F
Boys	Norah	Norah
Boys		Ivy
Brimson		E
Brown		S
Bryant	Minnie	
Bryant	Pansy	A
Bryant	Patty	Minnie
Bugess		M
Bunker	Lizzie	G
Bunker	Rita	Annie

SURNAMF	SCHOOL NAME	OWN NAME
Bunn	Dolly	Stella
Bunn	Bertha	Mrs Bently
Bunn	Beatie	B
Burgess		Mary
Burgess		W
Bushell	Trixie	Florence
Cameron	Coral	M
Care (Mrs)		Rosetta
Carpenter	Ellie	Lilian
Carpenter	Una	Ellen
Carter	Dinah	Doris
Carter	Winifred	Mrs
Channing	Dora	Alice
Channing	Phil	Rose(Mrs Dawe)
Chant		
Clark	Coral	Jill
Clark	Joan	H
Clarkson	Ruth	R
Coas	Florence	F
Cock		L
Cole	Mamie	Ivy
Collis	Beckie	R/G
Collis	Rosetta	Elsie
Condy		Daisy
Constant	Dulcie	Elizabeth
Constant	Molly	E
Constant		B
Constant		Mabel
Cook	Daisy	Daisy
Cook	Dorrit	Grace
Cook	Elsie	Elsie
Cook	Lettie	
Cook	Louise	
Cook	Miriam	Rose
Cook	V	Violet
Cooper		A
Cooper		Ruth
Copeman	Bingo	A Mrs Lowe
Copeman	Blossom	Maudie
Copeman		Dolly
Copestake	Vida	Gladys
Coppingdale	Prudence	
Cordy	Bessie	Alice
Cordy	Daisy	Daisy
Cornwell	D	
Cornwell	Ethel	E
Cornwell	Flossie	F
Cotsford	Irene	Annie
Creasey	Dulcie	Iris
Croager	Barbara	Barbara
Curl	Agnes	Agnes
Dabbs	Lily	Alice
Daniels	Agnes	Alice
Daniels	Chrissie	May
Day	Dennie	Mary
Day	Doddie	Dorothy
Day	Francie	Frances
Dennington	Millicent	M
Devenish	Charlotte	E
Dewsnap	Ethel	E
Dines	Louie	Mrs Evans
Dines	Rosebud	W
Diver	Maud	
Drew	Dorothy	

SIURNAMF	SCHOOL NAME	OWN NAME
Drew	Grace	
Drew	Gracie	
Drew	Molly	Margaret
Drew	Molly	
Dumbell		Joyce
Durnford	Dolly	D/H
Durnford	Hilda	
Durnford	Norma	Lilian
Durnford	Trottie	Winnie
Elbrow	Girlie	M
Eustace	D & M	
Eustace	Gracie	Margery
Eustace	Gwendoline	O
Eustace	Liela	G/M
Eustace		Marion
Evans	Dorothy	Eva
Evans	Freda	Dorothy
Eyre	Millicent	Olive
Fenning		\\elsie
Fenning		Blance
Fielding (Mrs)		Julie
Fisher	Beatrice&Francis	
Fisher	Elsie	
Fisher	Iris	I
Fisher		W
Foreman	Connie	Winnie
Foreman (Mrs Ridgen)	Gladys	Gladys
Fowler		Betty
Frampton		Rene
Francis	J	
Fuggle	Cecilia	Louie
Gardiner	Beatie	Elizabeth
Gempton	Ena	
George	Marion	Elsie
Gibbons	Nottie	Rhoda
Gibbs	Mona	Emily/Rose
Gibbs	Sunny	R
Gilbert	Edith	
Gilbert	Florence	F
Gilbert	Jessie	
Gilbert	Tessie	
Gilbert		A
Gill	Fairy	H
Gillett	Audrey	Jessie
Gillett	Nancy	Marie
Glegg		Lindsay & Mrs
Goenner		Joyce
Goodchild		Elsie
Grant	Alice	N
Greaves	Bella	Florence
Greaves	Clarrie	Lily
Greaves	Josie	I/J
Greenwood	Master	Oliver
Grimston		E
Grimstone	Fan	Fan
Guest	Lottie	Nellie
Hall	Curly	Elizabeth
Hall	Janet	Gladys
Hall		Dorothy
Hammond		Donna
Hanley	Charlotte	
Hanley	Lizzie	
Hanley	Maggie	
Hardman		Connie & Rene
Harris		Gladys

SIURNAMF	SCHOOL NAME	OWN NAME
Harris (Nurse)	Grace	Hilda
Harrison	Jessie	Gladys
Hayward	Ida	
Hedger/s	Lovey	Elsie
Hedges	Beatrice	Violet
Hedges		Edith
Hedges/r	Dorothy	Dorothy
Hembling	Edith	
Hembling		Dorothy
Highton		K
Hinton	Bertha	Rose
Hodges		J
Hodges(Mrs)		Mabel
Holding	Margaret	
Hollamby	Marjory/ie	
Hollamby	Tiny	
Hollamby/Hallamby	Rosie	Rosie
Holland	Alpha	Minnie
Holland	Claudia	Claudia
Holland	Effie	Violet
Holland		Betty
Holliday		James
Hones	Be/ice	Nellie
Hones	Meg	Rosie
Hones	Monica	Annie
Hood/Wood	Faith	Nellie/E
Houseman	Irene	
Houseman	Vera	
Howell		Esther
Howes	Violet	
Howes		May
Howes		Ruby
Hoy	Eva	
Hoy		May
Hughes	Louise	Ethel
Hull		E
Humphrey	Ruby	Ruby
Hunt	Ida	
Hyde		P
Jackson	Ada	W
Jackson	Ruth	R
Jackson		Ada
Jacobs	Evelyn	Evelyn
Jacobs	June	
Jacobs	Kathy	
Jacobs	Margery/Marjori	
Jacobs	Maudie	
Jacobs		Julia
Jacobs		Mollie
Jaeger	Wendy	
James	Florrie	F
James		Doris
Jarvis	Bubbles	Winnie
Jarvis	Jess	Alice
Jealous	Edna	A/Mayflower
Jenner	Dot	Winnie
Jenner	Hannah	W
Johnson	Enid	
Johnson	Enid	
Johnson		Beatrice
Jones	Cassie	Rose
Jones	Cherry	Gladys
Jones	Edna	E
Jones	Essie	Esther
Jones	Laurel	Dorothy
Jresbury		D

SURNAMF	SCHOOL NAME	OWN NAME
Judges		Grace
Judges		Joyce
Keep	Albie	Alberta
Kemp	Doris	
Kemp	Girlie	Joan
Kitely	Theresa & Topsy	
Knell	Adelaide	A
Knowles	Madeline	M
Lacey		Mary
Lacey		Molly
Laidler	Alpha	Dorothy
Laker	Rhoda	Annie
Laker	Rhoda	Katherine
Laker	Rhoda	Nancy
Laker	Winifred	Kathleen
Lambert	Kathleen	E
Lapwood	Poppy	C/E
Lawes	Rebecca	O
Liddon		Joyce
Lincoln	Daisy	Daisy
Lincoln	Doris	Mrs Walsh
Lincoln	Dulcie	G
Lincoln	Marguerite	
Livett/Mrs Arnold	Thelma	Elsie
Lloyd	Bessie	Cissie
Lovett	Connie	Constance
Lowe	Bingo	
Mannings	Olivia	D
Marks	Connie	H
Marshall	Pauline	
Martin		M.
Mattock	Ella	R
McDowell	Alma	Alice
McDowell	Miriam	
McDowell	Nellie	
McKnight	Dorrie	Dorothy
McKnight	Freda	Freda
McKnight	Mira	
McKnight	Ottina	
Mellor	Solly	Mrs
Meredith		Phyliss
Miles	Ethel	
Miller	Catherine	C
Miller	Consie	Constance
Miller	Master	John
Miller/Mills	Catherine	C/K
Mills		Fanny
Mills(Mrs Kent)	Girlie	
Monaghan	Victoria	Agnes
Moore	Joyce	Rose/Rosalie
Moore	Liela/N	Hilda
Moore	Sylvia	Doris
Morgan	Ada	
Morgan	Priscilla	
Morgan		Margaret
Nash	Violet	
Newlyn		H
Newlyn/Newland	Ena	Ada
Niven	Lily	L
Nixon	Ollie	E
Norman	Dorothy	
Norman	Edith	Ethel
Norman	Ethel	Ethel
Norman	Prissie	Ethel
Norman		Cecilia
Northover	Blanche	Nellie

SURNAMF	SCHOOL NAME	OWN NAME
Northway	Kate	Kate
Norwood	Toddy	Katie
Oakly (Mrs)		Christabel
Oliver	Lilian	L
Osmond	Maud	M
Osmond	Miriam	
Osmond	Nellie	
Osmond		Louise
Overton	Birdie	
Overton	Dorothy	Dorothy
Overton	Lily	
Overton	Winifred	
Oxer		Stanley
Paice		Edna
Paice		Eileen
Paice		Evelyn
Paice		Iris
Paice		Violet
Pardoe	Mabel	Doris
Pardoe	Maudie	Gracie
Pardoe (Mrs Adams)		Clara
Parker	Freda	Dorothy
Parker	Linda	Margaret
Parker	Lucy	N
Parry	Gladys	
Pattenden	Ena	Ethel (Mrs Gempton)
Pearce	Annie	
Pearce	Janie	
Pearson	Rose	Violet
Peates	Doreen	I/W
Peates	Millie	Ivy
Pell	Christabel	L
Pell	Floss	Florence
Perowne		Dorothy
Perowne		Sybil
Petrie	Lydia	F
Petrie	Madeline	D
Petrie	Nettie	Violet
Phillips	Dora	Dora
Pidding	Flo	Eva
Pitts	Francis	A
Poole	Posy	Rosie
Pooley	Belinda	Florence
Pooley	Belinda	Mabel
Pope	Lassie	B
Porter	Nellie	Nellie
Poultney(Mrs)	Lena	
Pullen	Laurel	Kathleen
Pullen	Mary Ann	Mary
Redpath/Ellers	Dena	Violet
Reynolds	Joyce	Joyce
Rigden (Mrs)		Gladys
Rivett	Gipsy	Louie
Roberts	Daisy	D
Roberts	Diddie	Ethel
Roberts	Mildred	M
Robins	Florrie	
Robins		A
Robinson	Lulu	Louie
Rogers	Zillah	Maud
Rogers		Millicent
Ross	Cissie	Maud
Rosslyn	Lizzie	Rosena
Rudge		Florence
Rudge		Rosemary

SURNAMF	SCHOOL NAME	OWN NAME
Rudolf		Doll M
Rush	Elizabeth	
Rush	Lulu	Dorothy
Rush	Queenie	Edie
Sandell		Alex
Sandell		Alice
Sandell		I
Sanderson	Vera	
Sandford	Sister	
Savage	Doris	
Savage		Dora
Seir	Betty	D
Shaw		Elsie
Shaw		Josephine
Shelley	Addie	Grace
Shelley	Eugene	Ivy
Shewring	Toddie	Catherine
Shewring		Harry Richard
Shewry	Dorothy	
Shinn	Libby	Mrs
Skeet	M	M
Smart	Emerald	Annie
Smart	Nellie	Nellie
Smith		Kathleen
Smith	Aggie	G
Smith	Constance	Gladys
Smith	Jess	Sybil
Smith	Phil	Phylis
Smith	Rene	Irene
Smith	Rosie	Ivy
Smith		Beryl
Smith		Marjorie
Soanes	Violet	
Speak	Hilda	E
Spencer	Norma	Mrs Spencer
Spencer	Violet	V
Staite	Constance	L
Stedman	Jean	Rose
Stevens	Sylvia	E
Stewart	Eva	
Stewart	Iris	
Stockbridge	Aggie	
Stockbridge	Ella	Emmie
Stockbridge	Gwendoline	Gwendoline
Stockbridge	W	
Stoner	Gladys	Jessica
Tracey		Ivy
Tracey		J
Strang	Amelia	M
Sutherland	Sarah	D
Suthon	Mabel	
Symes		Iris
Talbott	Bruie	M
Talbott	K	K
Taylor	Grace	
Taylor	Olive	
Thatcher	Doris	
Thompson	Mavis/May	
Thompson		Lydia
Thorne	Norah	M
Thornton	Sybil	
Thurgood	Edith	
Thurgood	Irene/J	
Titley	Fanny	Mona

SURNAMF	SCHOOL NAME	OWN NAME
Titley	Janet	N
Titley		W
Tomalin	Barbara	
Tomalin	Phyllis	Emily
Tomalin	Rosie	
Tomalin		O
Toms		C
Toms (Mrs)		Bella
Topcott	Audrey	
Topcott		Winnie
Tugwell/Ingwell	Iris	Rose
Van Santen	Marie	Millie
Wakefield	Sir	Charles
Wakelin		Rosamund
Walker	Hythe	Mary
Walsh (Mrs)		Doris
Walton	Birdie	May
Wareham	Dora	G
Wareham	Ena	Winnie
Waters	Annie	
Waters	Brenda	Gladys
Waters	D	
Waters	Hetty	Gladys
Waters	Ivy	
Watson	Alice	
Watson	Dorothy	Dorothy
Watson	Ivy	Ivy
Watson		Betty
Watson		Margaret
Watts	Aggie	Agnes
Watts	Ivy	Violet
Weller		Harold A
Wells	Ellen	
Wenham	Dorothy	D
Wenham	Sybil	Mollie
West	Ethel	
Wheeler	Janie	Mr&MrsE
Wibberley	Coral	R
Wibberley	Eugene	A
Wibberley	Mary	M
Wickes	Kitty	Mabel
Wicks	Trottie	Gladys
Williams	Lily	
Williamson		Kathleen
Wills	Mattie	M
Wills	Mopsy	L
Wilts		Jessica
Wing	Lily	
Wing		W
Witts	Jessica	J/E
Witts(Mrs Fielding	Julie	Emily
Woodcock	Elsie	
Woodcock/stock	Flora/C	Constance/F
Woods		Frances
Woods		Marion
Woods		W & F
Woods		Winifred
Woods(Mrs)	Penny	Gertrude
Young	Madge	May

SPONSORS & STAFF

Mr	Abbott	L
Mr	Aldons	
Mr	Aldous	
Nurse	Anderson	
Mr/Mrs	Athill	
Miss	Atkins	
Miss	Aylott	
Mrs	Bailey	
Rev	Bainton	Oswald
Mr/Mrs	Bannister	
Mrs	Bantoft	
Mrs	Barker	Jane
Mrs/Mr	Barker	
Mrs	Bates	
Miss	Bell	Francis
Miss	Belsham	
Mrs	Berry	
Rev	Bird	Vernon
Miss	Bird	
Mrs	Birkin	
Mrs	Blore	
Miss	Bourne	
Mr	Bowden	
Mrs	Boys	
Mrs	Brazil	
Miss	Brearey	Gladys
Mrs	Bridger	
Mrs	Bristowe	
Rev	Brown	Douglas
Mrs	Bunker	
Miss	Bunt	
Mrs	Burkin	
Miss	Burrough	Eva
Mrs	Bushell	
Mr/Mrs	Calvert	
Miss	Carter	
Nurse	Cavell	
Miss	Chamberlain(Lord C's daug)	Dorothy
Miss	Chambers	
Mrs	Channing	
Miss	Chapman	
Miss	Chapman	
Mr/Mrs	Chattle	
Miss	Clark	
Mrs	Clarkson	
Miss	Clayton	
Mrs	Cole	
Mrs	Colenut	
Mrs	Colenutt	
Miss	Coombes	
Miss	Copperwheat	
Mr/Mrs	Cordy	H

Miss	Cory	
Miss	Craston	
Mr	Croager	Jack
Mrs	Croager	
Nurse	Crofts	
Miss	Cullen	Nora
Mrs	Curl	
Mrs	Day	
Rev	de Langdale	N
Miss	Dear	
Mr & Mrs	Dempsie	
Miss	Denton	
Mrs	Diver	Cyril
Rev	Edwards	E
Mrs	Evans	
Mr & Mrs	Fairclough	
Miss	Featherstone	Eva
Mr	Fenwick	Arthur
Mr	Fenwick	John
Mrs	Fenwick	
Mrs	Fitter	
Miss	Flindall	
Nurse	Fordham	
Miss	Frampton	
Miss	Frischer	Joan
Mrs	Gannen	
Mrs/Mr	Gillett	
Mrs	Glegg	Alexander
Mr	Glover	
Mr & Mrs	Goenner	
Miss	Gover	
Mrs	Greaves	
Mr&Mrs	Greenwood	
Mrs	Green	
Miss	Greenslade	
Mr	Greenwood	B.J.
Mr & Mrs	Greenwood	Dudley
Rev & Mrs	Greenwood	
Mrs	Greig	
Miss	Grimston	Mabel/Mary
Miss	Gunter	L
Miss	Gunter	
Miss	Hardman	
Miss	Hartman	E
Mr	Hedgecomb	
Miss	Higgs	
Miss	Hills	F
Mrs	Hines	
Miss	Hoare	
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Mrs	Holiday	
Mrs	Holland	
Mrs	Holliday	

Miss	Holmes	
Nurse	Horn	
Mr	Horner	
Miss	Housley	
Mrs	Jackman	
Miss	Jaeger	Julie
Miss	Jaggs	
Miss	Jennings	
Mr/Mrs	Johnson	
Miss	Jones	
Miss	Joslin	
Miss	Keable	
Mrs	Keep	S
Rev	King	Guy
Miss	Ladden	
Miss	Le Gros	
Miss	Letford	
Miss	Lomax	
Mr/Mrs	Lycett	
Mr	Mash	
Mrs	Matcher	
Mrs	Matthews	
Mrs	McDowell	
Mrs	McKnight	
Mrs	Miles	
Mrs/Mr	Miller	
Mrs	Mimitt	
Mrs	Moody	
Mrs	Moore	
Miss	Morgan	
Miss	Moss	
Miss	Needham	
Mrs&Miss	Neville	Amy
Miss	Nicholls	Violet
Mrs	Nickolls	
Miss	Norman	
Mr	Overmass	
Mrs	Overton	
Mr	Oxer	A
Miss	Oxer	F E
Miss	Page	
Miss	Parlett	
Mrs	Pell	
Nurse	Peters	
Mr	Peterson	Carter
Mr	Phillips	
Miss	Pike	A
Mr	Piper	
Mrs&Miss	Pollard	
Miss	Price	
Miss	Prince	
Miss	Randall	
Mr	Rigden	

Mr	Robinson	K
Rev	Roninson Lee	
Mrs	Rosslyn	
Mrs	Rush	
Miss	Rushman	
Mrs	Shaw	
Miss	Shopland	
Miss	Shorter	
Mrs	Smith	
Miss/Mrs	Snudden	
Mrs	Spink	
Mrs	Suckling	
Mrs	Sumner	
Mr/Mrs/Miss	Surman	
Miss	Sutton	
Mr/Mrs	Swash	
Mrs	Taylor	
Miss&Mrs	Thomsan	
Miss	Towns	
Miss	Twitchett	
Miss	Ve Donald	
Mrs	Vincent	
Mrs	Vinyard	
Sir	Wakefield	Charles
Mrs	Walker	
Mrs	Walston	
Mrs	Walter	
Mrs	Walters	
Miss	Warren	Alice
Miss	Warren	Edith
Mr/Mrs	Warren	L
Nurse	Warren	
Mr	Watson	
Miss	Weekes	
Lt.	Whyer	
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Miss	Wilkin	
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Mr/Mrs	Winyard	
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Notes.

It was not possible to publish a special number of the paper after the display in June, so this number will contain all news of that event.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking, on behalf of Miss Bird and the staff, all who so generously responded to our appeal. It did one good to realise how widespread was that response, including, as it did, gifts from Canada and Japan.

Our contribution towards the grand total was just over £82. This included nearly £16 from the stall—an amazing result considering the list of donors was not so long as that of last year.

Freda McKnight made a charming little queen, and the presence of Maud Rodgers, Emmie Tomalin and Dolly Durnford, three former queens, added greatly to the joy and beauty of the ceremony.

I have a small snapshot of the five queens, and I shall be pleased to send a copy to anybody who would like one. They cost about three-pence each.

Our sports were held on Tuesday, July 16th, when Queen Freda distributed prizes to the successful competitors and gave a present to each of her subjects. This is made possible each year through the generosity of Mr. Athill, who presents each queen with a gift of money to spend in this way. We do appreciate such unflinching interest, and we thank our kind benefactor for his remembrances of us year by year.

On July 18th we dispersed for holidays and those who stayed at the Orphanage seem to have had a particularly good time. This was due to members of the staff, who gave themselves so unsparringly to make it a real holiday with *al fresco* meals and picnics in the various local parks, also to those kind friends who gave generously to our holiday fund or the days of the display.

There were several real red letter days during the six weeks. Mrs. Bridger at Frimley invited all who had not gone home down to her beautiful house and garden. Through the kindness of Mrs. Bannister and friends we were able to make the journey by road, and that proved most exciting.

Mrs. Williams again took us all to Riddlesdown, where she had arranged for a wonderful tea. Each child received a gift as a memento of the occasion, and races, donkey rides, etc., were indulged in.

Mr. B. J. Greenwood sent us all to the Crystal Palace, where we had a nice tea and enjoyed the concert.

Mrs. Greig entertained twelve little girls to tea at her house and gave them a delightful time.

N. Copeman (Blossom) paid for one, of several girls, to spend a happy day at Chislehurst Caves.

Mrs. Oakley (Christabel) took two of the elder girls away for a few days and gave them a *real* holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Swash took twelve little girls to tea at their house and gave them a delightful ride in their car.

Mrs. Cole sent 10/-, which we spent on boat rides during our trips to Tooting Bee Common and Battersea Park.

We acknowledge also:

Gifts for the Guild Fund:—Miss Bird, 5/-; Miss Carter, 1/6; E. Norman, 2/-; Mrs. Butler (Dover), 8/-; B. Seir, 1/-; Mrs. Moore (Liverpool), 2/6; E. Tomalin, 2/8; Mrs. Davies (Canada), 4/-; F. McKnight, 6d.; C. Fuggle, 3d.; per Miss Chapman, 4/6; Anon., 6d.
For Farthings from: A. Keep, 2/0½; W. and H. Bates, 1/2½; Clara Pardoe, 1/8; M. Holland, 2/-; M. Rodgers, 1/-; Mrs. Oakley, 1/1; D. Norman, 1/-; Connie and Rene Hardman, 2/-; Miss Chapman, 1/-.

News of Old Girls.

Miss Bunker (Rita) sent us some pretty Japanese menu cards for programme covers at the display, but as they were too nice to use for one occasion only we are going to use them as blotter covers for Christmas gifts and the proceeds will go towards our Japanese Mission.
Patty and Pansy Bryant sent us 16/- towards the Stall and told us of their excitement at the prospect of meeting Rosena during their holiday in Toronto. We are just longing to hear what happened.

Rosena Berner sent us 12/- instead of goods. This, together with other money gifts, helped to provide the "dip" surprises, and we were most grateful to our Old Girls so far away for remembering us in this practical way.

Mrs. Davies (Treffie) has also helped us financially and has sent us two delightful snapshots of Baby Roy—now a fine little chap known as "Daddy's Man." Judging by the snap, Treffie has not altered a bit, and we should have known Mrs. Bloss anywhere. They have a car now and get some nice runs round the country.

Mrs. Gempton (Ena) writes so cheerfully from Australia and I hope to tell you more about her in the next paper.

M. Osmond wrote from Harcombe, Devon, where she was spending a delightful holiday. We much enjoyed the delicious cream and would like to take the opportunity of thanking Maud for her kind remembrance.

E. Tomalin (Phyllis) has been enjoying a delightful stay at Folkestone with her wee charge and is now enjoying the glories of North Wales. Phyllis was one of the queens present at the Display and looked very pretty in her robe and train of green.

Our first school queen (M. Rodgers) was also present charmingly attired in golden brown.

D. Durnford (Dolly) joined the procession daintily clad in pale yellow, and G. Cook (Dorrit), the abdicating queen, wore white.

W. Bates (Nannie) writes of the wonderful reception she intends to give the girls when they visit us from Canada. Right O, Nannie! We'll support you.

It was a real joy to hear from M. Thorne (Norah) once more, and we are delighted to know she is back at work again after ten months in hospital. We pray she may daily increase in physical strength and so go on her way rejoicing.

The girls who visited Chislehurst Caves during the holidays had the joy of meeting Iris Creasy and finding her well and happy.

M. Holding was getting quite as excited as of old at the B.O. at the thought of going home to visit her mother. She is still doing well at Manchester.

G. Lovett writes such appreciative letters from Hove. We would like to tender our heartfelt sympathy to all her family in the great sorrow they experienced when their relative—an only son—was killed in a motor-cycle accident.

Another nice day was spent at Horniman's Museum and tea was partaken of in the beautiful gardens near by.

It seems almost impossible to express our real gratitude for these wonderful days, but if those who gave the children such real pleasure could see the glowing accounts which were written home they would realise that the labour and expense was not in vain.

Our new term of work started on Monday, September 2nd, and everybody seems to have returned in good spirits and settled down happily. We are now looking forward to our Annual Prize Day on September 26th and to that very much appreciated visit of the "Merrymakers" on October 7th.

We have two large boxes of tinfoil which will in due course be sent to King's College Hospital.

The members of the Missionary Sewing Class have already started on Christmas gifts, so will you all save your pennies and buy your gifts from us?

When we have paid for this copy of the paper we shall be penniless. What are we going to do? We really need 200 copies each quarter, but it cannot be done, so if the December number does not appear you will understand we are *still* penniless.

Our friend Mr. "Carter Paterson" won a 10/6 box of chocolates some time ago. He presented it to the Home, so with his permission we offered it as a prize to the girl who did the best bit of sale work. It was won by Alberta Keep, while consolation prizes were awarded to Phyllis Smith, Joan Kemp, Marjorie Smith and Rosamund Wakelin.

Thanks!

We tender our grateful thanks to the following for their generous gifts towards our Sale of Work:—

Old Girls:—Maud Rodgers, J. Titley, M. Jealous, G. Wicks, D. Durnford, W. Durnford, M. Hollanby, D. Wareham, Mrs. Mellor, Mrs. Oakley, F. Pell, D. Hackerman, I. Boys, C. Lovett, L. Overton, E. Wareham, W. Bates, M. Holding, Mrs. Lowe, I. Peates, W. Pentes, Mrs. Wheeler, H. Moore, L. Moore, O. D. and E. Rush, A. Cotford, M. George, D. Eustices, M. Eustices, J. Witts, Mrs. Fielding, Ethel and Edith Norman, F. Ambrose, H. Thorne, Ivy Cole, M. Grimston, D. Moore, Mrs. Rigden, V. Holland, R. Berner (Canada), E. Tomalin, P. Bryant, M. Bryant (Canada).

The Children and their Friends:—Mrs. Curi, Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Bantoff, Mr. Rudge, Mrs. Overton, Mrs. Champkins, I. and D. Watson, J. Reynolds, Mrs. Smith (Phil.), Miss Reynolds, Mrs. Barry Martin, Miss Tatam, D. Norman, M. Lacey, Miss Gough, Mrs. Keep, Mrs. S. Keep.

Other Friends:—Mrs. Keable, Miss Keable, Miss Flindall, Miss Copperwheat, Miss Stoner, Mrs. Soundy, Mrs. Goenner, Mrs. Snudden, Mrs. Greig, Miss Frampton, Miss Carter, Mrs. Wakeley, Miss Belsham, Mrs. Keene, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Walter, Miss Betty Bannister, Miss Honeyhall.

We have to thank Miss Cullen for providing flowers for the five Queens, in memory of Miss Letford, who always did this.

Our thanks are also due to the scholars of Wynne Road Sunday School, L. Moore and Miss Hills, who sent flowers for the Queen's throne.

We gratefully acknowledge from Mrs. Cyril Diver a quantity of aster roots, which have done splendidly in our garden.

We are also much indebted to Miss Munroe and Miss Horne, who kindly typed six hundred programmes for us.

We hear that Mrs. Lowe (Bingo) has been enjoying a motor tour in Hampshire; D. Moore (Doris) has enjoyed a trip to Bruges; E. Jones (Essie) is revelling in the beauties of Littlehampton; L. Adams (Mary) has been renewing a school friendship in the charming little home of Mrs. Rigden (Gladys) at Whitstable; M. and F. Day have been to Hastings; while D. Day went to Weymouth.

We congratulate Norah Boys, who has successfully passed her preliminary examination and is now placed on the permanent staff at St. Giles's, Camberwell.

It is encouraging to know that Ivy Boys has also started training at St. James's Hospital, Balham.

What a splendid band of nurses the B.O. is attempting to send forth. We have F. Bushell at the London Hospital, H. Harris and N. Boys at St. Giles's, J. Stoner at Grovelands, and I. Boys at St. James's.

We congratulate D. Rush (Lulu) on her engagement and wish her much happiness in the coming days.

We tender our sympathy to Mrs. Fielding (Julie), whose wee son was taken to hospital with scarlet fever. We hope to hear that he is making good progress.

Our sympathy also goes out to a very old girl, Mrs. Shewry (Dorothy), who has been passing through a period of great trouble. She has lost her little son and husband quite recently. The latter was a most respected member of the Portsmouth police. We pray God comfort her.